COUNCIL PROCEEDINGS.

COUNCIL CHAMBER, February 17th, 1886.

A special meeting of the City Council was d last night. Present, Mayor Hodgens, d. Bartlett, Heaman, Nutkins, Boyd, rrett, Stringer, Hook, McDonald, Kings- , O'Meara, Davis, Taylor. The yor stated that the object of the eting was to adopt a petition the Legislature asking for additional wers to those required by the bill as it w stood, so that not only the L. & S. E. t any other road might be dealt with der the act. Ald. Taylor, on behalf of the ilway Committee, recommended the fol- ing petition :

" To the Hon. the Legislative Assembly the Province of Ontario: The petition of e Municipal Council of the corporation of City of London, humbly sheweth. (1) t owing to the amalgamation which has en place between the Grand Trunk Rail- y Company and the Great Western Rail- y Company, the city of London and rounding country have been deprived of lway competition to their great injury. That the ratepayers of London are animous in their desire of obtaining ad- ional railway facilities for their city and surrounding country, and in order to ure it are desirous of aiding by a bonus d otherwise the construction of competing es leading to and from the said city. 3. at by reason of the provisions of act for the consolidation of the bt of the said city and of the w with respect to municipal loan nded debts, the corporation of the city of ndon cannot without special legislation ur debts to provide such bonuses as the epayers thereof may desire to give for purposes aforesaid. 4. That your peti- ners are applying for authority to grant onus of not more than $75,000, and free ter and exemption from taxation, to a d projected for connecting the city of ndon with the Canada Southern and edit Valley Railway systems, and to be led the London & Southeastern Railway, d your petitioners are desirous of obtaining islative authority to borrow money for nting aid to any other railway companies ich they may desire to aid to the extent not more than $150,000 in the whole. erefore your petitioners pray that your orab'e House will be pleased to pass an to enable them to carry into effect their said wishes in respect of the said railway competition."

The following amendments to the proposed act granting the city permission to bonus the London & Southeastern Railway were also read :

"And that the said Municipal Council is desirious of aiding other railways for the purpose of affording additional traffic for the said city, and the surrounding district to the extent of not more than $150,000 in the whole.

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"The said corporation may also, notwithstanding the provisions of the said in part recited or any of the acts or any other act or law, aid any other railway company or companies hereafter to be constructed leading to or touching the said city of London by granting to such company or companies such bonus or aid not exceeding in the whole $150,000, as to the said corporation may seem meet, and free water and exemption from taxation for such period as the said corporation may think fit.

"In the event of the powers conferred by sec. 1 (bonusing the L. & S. E. Railway) of this act being exercised, the said sum of $150,000 shall be reduced by such sum as shall be granted by way of bonus under the authority of said sec. 1."

The petition was then passed, together with the amendments to the bill.

A petition for aid towards the establishment of an aged women's home was received. The Mayor pointed out the necessity for establishing some home where old women who were now being aided by the Council could be taken care of. He said to get and furnish the home would in the first place cost at least $2,000, and he asked the Council to deal liberally with those who were endeavoring to establish the home. He said there were some 30 women already to be sent to this home, and there were about 30 more at present on the hands of the city whom it would be to the interest of the Council to get into this home.

Ald. Taylor moved, seconded by Ald. Stringer, that the sum of $500 be granted to the Women's Christian Association, to enable them to establish and maintain a home for the aged poor of the city. Carried.

Adjourned.